

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on February 7, 2007 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella, Chairman (D)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Roy Brown (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Don Ryan (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 344, 1/31/2007; SB 148,
1/31/2007; SB 52, 1/31/2007
Executive Action: SB 135

00:06:14 Chairwoman Cocchiarella

HEARING ON SB 344

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:07:12 **SEN. JEFF ESSMANN (R), SD 28**, opened the hearing on **SB 344**, Revise definition of misconduct under unemployment insurance laws.

Proponents:

00:16:01 Ronna Alexandra, Montana Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association

00:18:12 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:18:27 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB)

00:19:23 Ronda Wiggers, Helena and Great Falls Area Chambers of Commerce

00:19:56 Bruce Spencer, Montana Auto Dealers Association (MADA)

00:20:15 Barry "Spook" Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association (MMCA)

Opponents:

00:20:50 Jason Miller, Montana AFL-CIO

EXHIBIT (bus27a01)

00:23:48 Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190

00:24:57 Andrea Olsen, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

Informational Testimony:

00:28:14 Roy Mulvaney, Administrator, Unemployment Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:43 Sen. Balyeat to Roy Mulvaney, DLI

00:31:44 Sen. Cocchiarella to Roy Mulvaney, DLI

00:32:19 Sen. Balyeat to Roy Mulvaney, DLI
00:34:50 Sen. Esp to Roy Mulvaney, DLI
00:36:43 Sen. Esp to Jason Miller, Montana AFL-CIO
00:39:34 Sen. Brown to Sen. Essmann
00:41:53 Sen. Squires to Roy Mulvaney, DLI
00:46:22 Sen. Esp to Roy Mulvaney, DLI
00:47:43 Sen. Cocchiarella to Roy Mulvaney, DLI
00:48:52 Sen. Cocchiarella to Sen. Essmann
00:52:56 Sen. Cocchiarella to Roy Mulvaney, DLI
00:54:19 Sen. Cocchiarella to Jason Miller, Montana AFL-CIO

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:14 Sen. Essmann
00:57:37 Chairwoman Cocchiarella
00:58:23 Break

HEARING ON SB 148

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:59:18 **SEN. JIM SHOCKLEY (R), SD 45**, opened the hearing on **SB 148**, Regulatory flexibility act.

Proponents:

01:01:38 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce
01:05:06 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB)
01:09:58 Ronda Wiggers, Helena and Great Falls Area Chambers of Commerce
01:13:11 Evan Barrett, Chief Business Officer, Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity

Opponents:

01:16:39 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center
(MEIC)

01:31:13 Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190, and Montana Chapter
Sierra Club

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

01:36:28 Sen. Shockley

01:38:01 Chairwoman Cocchiarella

HEARING ON SB 52

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:38:59 **SEN. JIM SHOCKLEY (R), SD 45**, opened the hearing on **SB 52**, Limit acceptable ID for governmental and banking services.

EXHIBIT(bus27a02)

Proponents:

01:42:50 Bill Muse, Bozeman

01:46:01 Paul Nachman, Bozeman

Opponents:

01:50:45 Debbie Smith, Attorney, Helena

EXHIBIT(bus27a03)

01:57:43 Amy Hall, Montana Legal Services

02:03:42 Gail Bell, State of Montana

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:06:05 Sen. Smith to Debbie Smith, Helena

02:08:56 Sen. Jackson to Sen. Shockley

02:10:22 Sen. Cocchiarella to Sen. Shockley

02:11:56 Sen. Esp to Sen. Shockley

Closing by Sponsor:

02:13:00 Sen. Shockley

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 135

02:16:22 **Motion:** SEN. SQUIRES moved SB 135.

Discussion:

02:16:37 **Motion:** SEN. SQUIRES moved that AMENDMENT SB013501.APM
BE ADOPTED.

Discussion:

EXHIBIT(bus27a04)

02:17:30 Sen. Cocchiarella

02:19:43 Sen. Tropila to Sen. Cocchiarella

02:20:10 Sen. Jackson

02:20:30 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. COCCHIARELLA called the question
that AMENDMENT SB013501.APM BE ADOPTED. Motion failed
1-10 by voice vote with SEN. TROPILA voting aye.

Discussion:

02:21:20 Sen. Cocchiarella

02:23:28 Sen. Larson

02:24:36 Sen. Balyeat

02:24:56 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** SEN. LARSON made a substitute motion that SB 135 BE TABLED. Substitute motion carried 8-3 by voice vote with SEN. SMITH and SEN. TROPILA voting no. SEN. RYAN voted no by proxy.

Discussion:

02:25:10 Sen. Esp

02:25:57 Sen. Smith

02:29:30 Pat Murdo, LSD

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:30 A.M.

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

VC/cj

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([bus27aad.pdf](#))